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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device for use with a tracheostomy tube, the device including ~~a~~ an elongate housing adapted for connection to the tube to extend generally transversely of the tube, a gas passage in the housing and a gas-treatment unit mounted with the housing, characterized in that the gas-treatment unit is displaceable by rotation about an axis generally transverse to the tube from a first position in which gas can flow from the tube through the gas-treatment unit via the gas passage, to a second position in which the gas passage is substantially blocked preventing flow of gas out of the machine end of the tracheostomy tube.
2. (Previously presented) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the gas-treatment unit is displaceable by rotation.
3. (Previously presented) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the gas-treatment unit remains in the first or second position unless manually displaced.
4. (Previously presented) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the gas-treatment unit includes a projection accessible at an end of the housing by which the gas-treatment unit can be displaced.
5. (Previously presented) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the device includes a resilient member arranged to displace the gas-treatment unit to a first position when released.
6. (Previously presented) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the gas-treatment unit is cylindrical.

7. (Currently amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the gas-treatment unit includes an HME heat and moisture exchanger element.
8. (Currently amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 6 characterized in that the gas-treatment unit includes an HME heat and moisture exchanger element at opposite ends.
9. (Currently amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 7 characterized in that the or each HME heat and moisture exchanger element is of a treated paper.
10. (Previously presented) A tracheostomy tube assembly including a tracheostomy tube and a gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 connected at the machine end of the tube.